

REMARKS

The present amendment is being filed with a Request For Continued Examination subsequent to the filing of a Notice of Appeal on May 17, 2006.

Claims 3-17, 24, 25, 27-29, 31-33, 35-37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66 and 67 are pending in the application, with claims 3-16 being independent. Claims 3-16 have been amended, and claims 26, 30, 34, 38, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56, 59, 62, 65 and 68 have been cancelled. Specifically, each of claims 3-16 has been amended to recite "a light emitting layer adjacent to the pixel electrode, a second electrode adjacent to the light emitting layer wherein the light emitting layer is disposed between the pixel electrode and the second electrode, [and] a cover member covering the second electrode and fixed to the substrate by a sealing material" and "wherein the display device emits light from the light emitting layer through the cover member." Support for the claim amendments may be found in the application, for example, at Figure 14.

All of the claims have been rejected as being unpatentable over some combination of Bauer (U.S. Patent No. 6,509,832), Zhang (U.S. Patent No. 5,949,107), Gauthier (U.S. Patent No. 5,303,205), Lee (U.S. Patent No. 5,680,123) and Reid (U.S. Patent No. 5,027,104). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the pending claims because neither Bauer, Zhang, Gauthier, Lee, Reid, nor any combination of the five describes or suggests the recited cover member.

Bauer describes a vehicle monitoring system having a display device 32 that includes a display 100. While Bauer describes the display 100 as possibly being implemented using a CRT, a back lit liquid crystal display or a heads-up display, Bauer does not provide any details as to the structure of the display 100, much less that the display 100 includes the recited cover member.

Zhang describes a semiconductor device having CMOS circuits formed on a glass substrate that may be used in an LCD display. Zhang, however, does not describe or suggest that the semiconductor device, when used in an LCD display, includes the recited cover member

through which light is emitted, that is fixed to a substrate by a sealing material, and that covers the recited second electrode.

Gauthier describes a vehicular distance measuring system having a display device that includes back-lit LCD displays 44, 46, 120, 122. Gauthier, however, does not provide any details as to the structure of the LCD displays 44, 46, 120, 122, much less that the LCD displays 44, 46, 120, 122 include the recited cover member.

Lee describes a vehicle monitoring system that uses multiple video cameras mounted on various locations of a vehicle to detect objects not readily visible to the vehicle operator and enable a display of the objects on a display 74. While Lee describes that the display 74 may be implemented using a 6 inch LCD display, Lee does not provide any details as to the structure of the display 74, and, therefore, does not describe or suggest the recited cover member used in a display device.

Reid describes a vehicle security device that includes a multiple video cameras mounted in a vehicle in a hidden fashion. The video cameras are designed to be responsive to a sensing of a condition, such as an unauthorized entry of the vehicle and a striking of the vehicle. Reid describes the video cameras as providing signals that may be stored by a recorder 65 or that may be transmitted to a remote location for viewing. Notably, Reid does not describe a display device that may be used for viewing the video signals, and, therefore, Reid does not describe or suggest the recited cover member used in a display device.

For at least these reasons, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the pending claims.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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